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CONCORD, N.H.

James J. Barry, Commissioner
N. H. Department of Public Welfare
State House Annex
Concord, New Hampshire

Re: Interpretation of Chapter 234,
Section 9, Laws of 1951

Dear Mr. Barry:

You have requested, by your letter of November 23, 1954, my interpretation of the above entitled section with reference to any authority to submit information concerning such studies as you may make thereunder to the attention of all State employees in order that they may be more informed as to the matters contained therein.

Please be advised that it is my opinion that the duties imposed upon you by the section and the authority contained therein is for the purpose of supplying information to the Legislature so that it will have before it current data so as to evaluate the need, if any, for change in legislation respecting Old Age and Survivors Insurance protection for employees of the State and local governments.

The section is not one primarily concerned with furnishing information to State employees. However, it is very conceivable that, as a part of your studies and the gathering of information, to be ultimately submitted to the Legislature, it would be desirable to submit information to the State employees concerning this subject matter, not primarily for their information but in furtherance of the studies themselves and possible supplementation of the information gathered by you.

Very truly yours,

Richard C. Duncan
Assistant Attorney General

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